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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin S. Dibble, et al.
Serial No.: 10/017,209
Filed: December 13, 2001
Group No.: 2643
Examiner: Alexander Jamal
Notice of Allowance Mailed: December 5, 2005
Confirmation No.: 1173
Title: **NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE AND METHOD**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations.

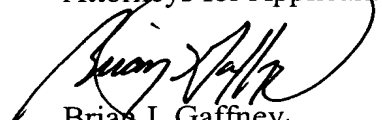
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Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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